oriented schemes, and to boost the financial allocations therefor;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the revised programme would come into force;

(c) whether Government have evaluated the reasons for the failure of anti-poverty programmes and employment-oriented schemes to take off the ground effectively; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to tide over the shortcomings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) A Committee was set up under the Chairmanship of Member, Planning Commission to Review and Rationalise Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation. The programmes/schemes of the Ministry of Rural Areas & employment, Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment, Ministry of Welfare, Department of Small Scale Industries, Agro & Rural Industries and Department of Women & Child Development were examined by the Committee. After a detailed review of these schemes the Committee has recommended streamlining the existing schemes and rationalisation of norms and procedures for their implementation. However, there is no proposal in the Report to bring all the poverty alleviation schemes under a single Central nodal agency. The Committee has since submitted its Report to the Government.

(c) and (d) The Government regularly reviews the implementation of rural poverty alleviation and employment generation programmes, namely the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), and the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) from time to time in the Central Level Coordination Committee (CLCC), State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) and at the district level by the Governing Body of the District Rural Development Agency (DRDAS). These programmes are also reviewed through regular progress reports from the States on key indicators and through an intensive regimen of field inspections by officers of the Centre, State and implementing agencies. Periodic review meetings with State Secretaries incharge of Rural Development and Conferences of Project Directors of DRDAs are also held to review the progress in the implementation of these schemes. Monitoring and vigilance Committees have been set up at the State, district and block levels in which elected representatives of the people have been associated to monitor the implementation of these schemes.

Furthermore, to assess the overall impact of various poverty alleviation programmes, in relation to their specific objectives, the Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment undertakes periodic Concurrent Evaluations of their major schemes through independent recognised institutions/organisations. The main findings of the latest Concurrent Evaluation Report on IRDP (September, 1992 to February 1993) and JRY (1993-94) is enclosed at Annexure [*See Appendix 180 Annexure No. 64*]

On the basis of these reviews and evaluation studies the Government periodically revamps these poverty alleviation programmes to improve their overall efficacy. The Government proposes to continue the programmes for self employment and supplementary wage employment, which would be redesigned in order to make them more effective as instruments of poverty alleviation. They would also be integrated with the various sectoral programmes as well as area development programmes within the umbrella of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIS). In addition, priority will be given to identified seven basic minimum services with additional Central Assistance earmarked for these services with the ultimate objective of their universal coverage in a time bound manner.

Amount Allocated to the Border Districts in the Country

3121. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to the border

districts in the country, district-wise, during the Eighth Five Year Plan by Government;

(b) the expenditure incurred in each district during the same period; and

(c) the amount proposed to be allocated to each district during the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) Special Central Assistance was made available to States under Border Area Development Programme during the Eighth Five Year Plan. Further spatial and sectral allocation of funds is made by the State Governments. It is not possible at this stage to indicate the position for the Ninth Plan as the Ninth Plan is yet to be finalised.

Allocations of State during Eighth Plan, under BADP, yearwise are indicated in Statement.

Statement

Allocations made to States under BADP during Eighth Plan

(Rs. Crore)

State	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Assam	-	3.92	4.37	4.12	4.12
Gujarat	-	6.98	7.93	8.58	8.58
J&K	-	14.00	17.50	20.68	20.68
Meghalaya	-	3.89	4.23	3.95	3.95
Mizoram	-	2.84	3.25	2.73	2.73
Punjab	-	6.45	7.88	8.54	8.54
Rajasthan	-	71.06	80.44	85.63	85.63
Tripura	-	8.04	9.81	10.96	10.96
W. Bengal	-	21.33	24.57	30.81	30.81
Total	84.92	139.00	160.00	176.00	176.00

Grant Total for Eighth Plan = 735.92

* Revamped programme was started from 1993-94. Prior to 1993-94 allocations were made scheme-wise and not state-wise.

Central Projects/Schemes in the Kutch District

3122. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of the Central Sector Projects/Schemes which were under implementation in the Kutch Districts of Gujarat during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the expenditure incurred on each project/scheme during the same period, against the allocated amount; and

(c) the projects proposed to be implemented during the Ninth Five Year Plan in that District alongwith the outlay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Details of Central Sector Projects/Schemes which were under implementation in the Kutch District of Gujarat during the Eighth Five Year Plan are given in the Statement (*see* below)